

REMARKS

Claims 15 – 19 are currently pending in the application. By this amendment, the features of claim 20 have been incorporated into independent claim 15. Additionally, claims 1 – 14 and 20 – 27 have been canceled from further consideration in this application without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications. Applicants submit that the application is condition for allowance in view of the above amendments to the claims the following remarks.

Interview Summary

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesy extended to their representative in a telephone interview dated May 10, 2007. In the interview, the Examiner indicated that, while claims 15 – 20 were indicated as allowed and claims 1 – 14 and 21 – 27 were indicated as allowable in the Office Action dated January 19, 2007, the Examiner has found art that the Examiner believes anticipates at least claims 1, 15, 21 and 27. However, the Examiner further indicated that claim 20 would be allowable if placed into independent form.

Accordingly, claim 20 has been placed into independent form by incorporating the features of claim 20 into claim 15.

As Applicants are unaware of any known art, Applicants are not conceding to any narrowing of the claims, and are canceling claims 1 – 14 and 20 – 27 to gain allowance of claims 15 – 19.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants submit that all of the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicants hereby make a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

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